

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Soviet forces  
in Cuba

a. [redacted]

[redacted] preparations for the with-  
drawal of Soviet military elements.

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c. [redacted]

[redacted] several hun-  
dred Soviets were seen moving into  
the port area a week ago today,  
prior to the departure of the Soviet  
passenger ship Baltika.

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2. Cuba

a. [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] the Soviets were train-  
ing Cubans in the operation of the  
SAMS [redacted]

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b. It would take many months, up to a year from the starting point, for the Cubans to learn to handle the SAM system. 

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### 3. Venezuela

a. Betancourt's extremist enemies, having failed to block his departure for the US, are now considering new terrorist projects to greet his return on 28 February.

b. Oil installations and US business firms are again at the top of the target list. The Communists also plan to cut off electric power in the capital and nearby Maiquetia Airport when Betancourt puts down there.

c. US officials in Caracas believe that the Betancourt government has surmounted the immediate threat, but must still put down the terrorists if it is going to create a good climate for elections late this year.

4. Dominican Republic

a. Bosch's actions on returning to his country from two months abroad are disquieting.

b. His first public words, described by our Embassy as "disappointingly demagogic," included an attack on "vested interests" and a statement of approval for a draft constitution which has frightened business and propertied classes.

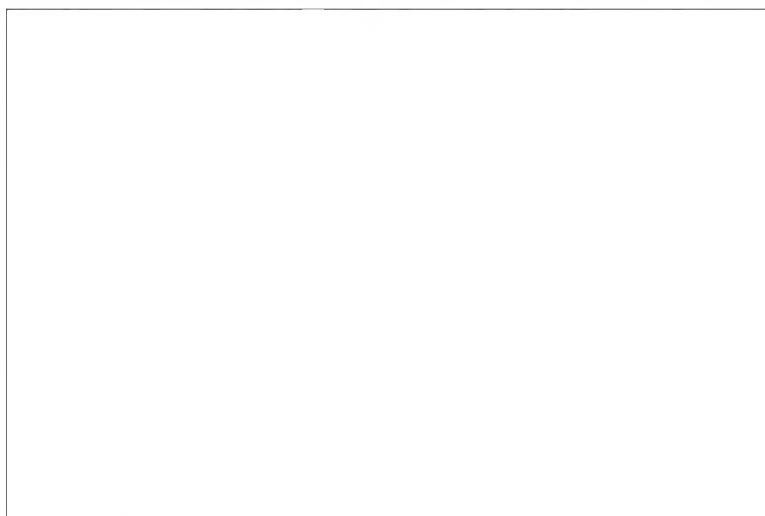
c. He is, moreover, talking in overwrought tones of an immediate showdown with ambitious Antonio Imbert, one of Trujillo's slayers, who happens now to command Bosch's security guard.

d. Bosch, calling Ambassador Martin to a secret meeting on Sunday evening, had little but Imbert on his mind. "I am his captive," he declared, "It is he or I. There are only three solutions--he must be killed, put in jail, or deported."

e. Martin has been asked to inform Bosch that the US favors the peaceful removal of Imbert.

5. Indonesia-  
Malaysia

a. The Indonesians are working in several directions to prevent the birth of the Malaysian Federation.



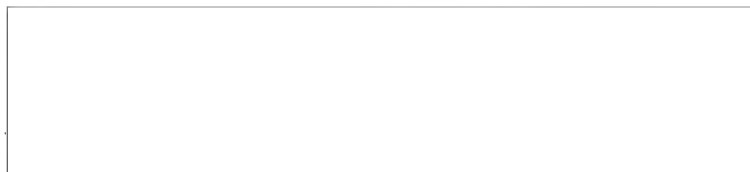
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d. Djakarta is wooing the Philippines assiduously. Sukarno has invited President Macapagal to visit Indonesia



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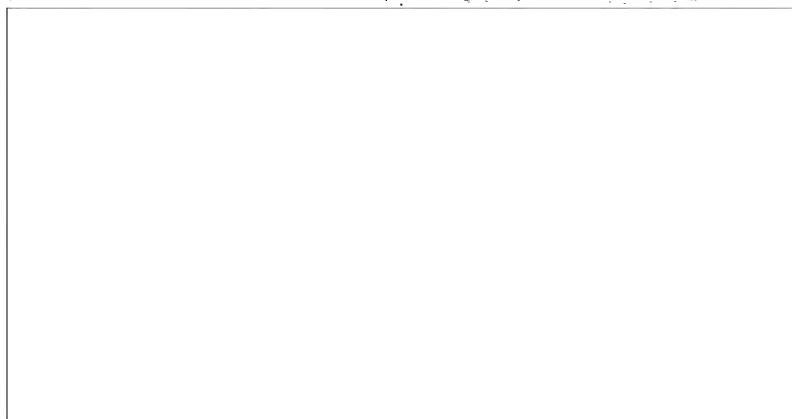
6. East Germany



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NOTES

- A. Nationalist China The Chinese are trying to charter a special aircraft for a flight to Saigon on 4 March. The matter is being treated with "urgency and secrecy." Our Embassy in Taipei suspects that either Chiang Kai-shek or Madame Chiang is to be a passenger on a mission connected with return-to-the-mainland plans.
- B. UAR - Saudi Arabia Another Egyptian bombing raid on the Saudi border village of Najran was carried out on Sunday.

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- D. Balkans Khrushchev met in Moscow yesterday with Bulgarian party chief Zhivkov amidst signs a Balkan "peace offensive" is about to be unwrapped.

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- E. Iraq-USSR The Soviet ambassador's diplomatic colleagues in Baghdad describe him as depressed and confused. They predict an early end to his tour in Baghdad. Two Western Ambassadors, waiting in an anteroom when the Soviet saw the Iraqi foreign minister on Monday, report that there was shouting by both parties.

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